

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: The campsite is located just below timberline at the base of Copeland Mountain in a forest of subalpine fir. The site is on the north side of the lake, and is marked by a silver arrowhead. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

Note: Caution should be used in scrambling on the rocks or snow on Copeland Mountain. A horse-hitching rack is on the southeast end of the reservoir.

Number of Sites: 1

Distance: 7.3 mi. from the Wild Basin TH,
6.6 mi. from the Finch Lake cutoff.

Privy: YES

Elevation: 10,582 ft.

Approx. Travel Time: 5½-6 hrs

Elevation Change: 2,112 ft. from the TH

Water Source: Water may be obtained from the lake or the inlet streams. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): Take CO Hwy 7 south from Estes Park, pass the turnoff to the Longs Peak Ranger Station. Take the marked turnoff to the Wild Basin Ranger Station, and turn again just beyond the Wild Basin Lodge. Drive to the sign reading "Finch Lake TH", and take the trail beginning there to hike in via the Finch Lake Trail. To start from the Wild Basin Ranger Station, drive ½ mi. further to the end of the road and start at the TH there.

